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 Suketu A. Parikh

) Group:
) Art Unit: 2811
) Examiner:

Serial No.: 09/244,788

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For: Dual Damascene Misalignment
 Tolerant Techniques For Vias And
 Sacrificial Etch Segments

) **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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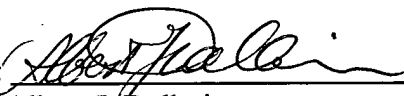
Applicant has become aware of the following printed publication which may be material to the examination of this application:

U.S. Pat. No. 5,759,911, to Cronin et al., 1998

Applicant respectfully submits that the invention claimed in the above identified application is patentable over the reference known to applicant and disclosed herein.

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